

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the pending claims as follows:

Claims 1 and 5-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. (U.S. Patent 4,870,686) in view of Kikinis et al. (U.S. Patent 5,799,067) and Schwelb et al. (U.S. Patent 5,950,123); Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. in view of Kikinis et al. and Schwelb et al., and further in view of Klatt ("Review of Text-To-Speech conversion for English"); and Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. in view of Kikinis et al., Schwelb et al. and Klatt, and further in view of Marui (U.S. Patent 4,959,850).

Claims 1-8 and 10 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5 and 8, which are the only pending independent claims, have been amended.

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 5 and 8 in view of the combination of Gerson et al., Kikinis et al. and Schwelb et al. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the hands free kit circuitry is used for at least transmitting said short message calling signal to said handset. Claim 5 has been amended to recite transmitting a short message calling signal generated upon input by said user's voice command. Claim 8 has been amended to recite that the hands free kit circuitry is adapted to transmit said short message calling signal to said handset. As none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or disclose these elements, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Accordingly, Claims 1, 5 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

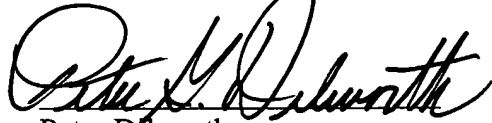
Without conceding the patentability *per se* of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 10, these claims are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 10 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims, i.e. Claims 1-8 and 10, are believed to be

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in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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